

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11711–S11727

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1636–1637. **Page S11723**

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Life of Johnny Cash: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 68, honoring the life of Johnny Cash. **Pages S11711–12**

Expressing the Sense of the Senate relative to NAFTA: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 119, expressing the sense of the Senate that there should be parity among the countries that are parties to the North American Free Trade Agreement with respect to personal exemption allowance from merchandise purchased abroad by returning residents, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S11727**

National Housing Act Mortgage Insurance: Senate passed S. 1636, to preserve the ability of the Federal Housing Administration to insure mortgages under section 238 and 519 of the National Housing Act. **Page S11727**

Interior Department Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11712–20**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1731, to prohibit the use of funds for initiating any new competitive sourcing studies. **Page S11712**

Reid Amendment No. 1732, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain lands located in Nye County, Nevada. **Page S11712**

Reid Amendment No. 1733, to provide for the conveyance of land to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the construction of affordable housing for seniors. **Page S11712**

Daschle Amendment No. 1734, to provide additional funds for clinical services of the Indian Health Service, with an offset. **Page S11712**

Daschle Amendment No. 1739, to strike funding for implementation of the Department of the Interior's reorganization plan for the Bureau of Indian

Affairs and the Office of Special Trustee and to transfer the savings to the Indian Health Service. **Pages S11716–20**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 2 p.m., on Monday, September 22, 2003. **Page S11727**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–49) **Pages S11721–22**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Kenneth M. Karas, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Kirk Van Tine, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S11727**

Messages From the House: **Page S11722**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S11722**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S11722**

Executive Communications: **Pages S11722–23**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S11726–27**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:10 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, September 22, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11727.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 1 public bill, H.R. 3138, was introduced. **Page H8400**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8400**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2120, to revise the banking and bankruptcy insolvency laws with respect to the termination and netting of financial contracts, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 108–277 Pt. 1)

H.R. 2571, to provide for the financing of high-speed rail infrastructure, and for other purposes, with an amendment. (H. Rept. 108–278 Pt. 1)

H.R. 2657, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes. (H. Rept. 108–279)

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dreier to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8385**

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS—RETROSPECTIVE LOOK

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 106, recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month"; H. Con. Res. 270, supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month; H. Res. 357, Honoring the life and legacy of Bob Hope; H.R. 2075, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building"; H.R. 2533, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building"; and H.R. 3068, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2055 Siesta Drive in Sarasota, Florida, as the "Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office."

The Committee also held a hearing entitled "What Happened to GPRA? A Retrospective Look At Government Performance and Results." Testimony was heard from Clay Johnson, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; former Representative Richard Armey of Texas; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 22 through September 27,
2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2691, Interior Department Appropriations with votes to occur on certain amendments.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and certain nominations, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: September 24, to hold hearings to examine ongoing operations and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, 2:30 p.m., SD–106.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the United States Air Force Academy, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 23, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and restoring investor confidence, 10 a.m., SD–538.

September 23, Full Committee, business meeting to mark up the National Consumer Credit Reporting System Improvement Act of 2003, the Defense Production Reauthorization Act of 2003, and The Federal Transit Extension Act of 2003, 2 p.m., SD–538.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine counterterror initiatives in the terror finance program, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 23, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 213, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, S. 1236, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to control or eradicate tamarisk in the western States, S. 1516, to further the purposes of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the commissioner of Reclamation, to carry out an assessment and demonstration program to assess potential increases in water availability for Bureau of Reclamation projects and other uses through control of salt cedar and Russian olive, H.R. 856, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District

No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and H.R. 961, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: September 23, business meeting to consider a bill to extend the authority of TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century) for five months, to be immediately followed by a hearing to consider the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, of Utah, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9 a.m., SD-406.

September 24, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the findings of the GAO concerning the Federal Emergency Management Agency's financial allocations and activities after the terrorist attacks on September 11, and to conduct oversight on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's effectiveness since becoming part of the Department of Homeland Security, 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 25, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Eugene Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, Pamela P. Willeford, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and James Casey Kenny, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Ireland, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 25, Subcommittee on African Affairs, with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold joint hearings to receive a briefing from Senator Frist on HIV/AIDS in Africa, 3 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 24, to hold hearings to examine discrimination against employees and retirees relating to social security government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: September 23, to hold hearings to examine health technology, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine intellectual diversity, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 25, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 606, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions, the Workforce Investment Act Amendments of 2003, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

September 25, Subcommittee on Children and Families, with the Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold joint hearings to receive a briefing from Senator Frist on HIV/AIDS in Africa, 3 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 24, to hold hearings to examine S. 1601, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations, 10 a.m., SR-485.

September 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to reauthorize the Head Start program, 10 a.m., Room to be announced.

Committee on the Judiciary: September 23, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine information sharing and coordination for visa issuance in relation to homeland security, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

September 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dale S. Fischer to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Claude A. Allen, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, and Gary L. Sharpe to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

September 24, Subcommittee on Crime, Corrections and Victims' Rights, to hold hearings to examine elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Special Committee on Aging: September 23, to hold hearings to examine HIPAA medical privacy and transaction rules, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 24, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review crop insurance for program crops, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, September 24, Subcommittee on Task Force, hearing on the final report of the Panel to Review Sexual Misconduct Allegations at the U.S. Air Force Academy, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

September 25, full Committee, hearing on United States policy and operations in Iraq, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 23, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing entitled "The College Cost Crisis Report: Are Institutions Accountable Enough to Students and Parents?" 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 23, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Challenges Facing the Medicaid Program in the 21st Century," 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, to mark up H.R. 2898, E-911 Implementation Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "The Future of Universal Service," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Freddie Mac: Accounting Standards Issues Raised in the Doty Report," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 24, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Hamas Asset Freeze and Other Government Efforts to Stop Terrorist Financing," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 25, full Committee, hearing on the following: H.R. 2575, Secondary Mortgage Market Enterprises Regulatory Improvement Act; and the Administration's proposals on GSE regulation, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, September 23, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and

International Relations, hearing on Strategic Workforce Planning at USAID, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "Improving USAID Financial Management," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

September 24, Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "A Medicare Prescription Drug Safety Net: Creating a Target Benefit for Low-Income Seniors," 12 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 25, full Committee, hearing entitled "Implementing the SAFETY Act: Advancing New Technologies for Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 23, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on "Potential Congressional Responses to State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co. v. Campbell: Checking and Balancing Punitive Damages," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 23, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, joint hearing on the Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act of 2003, 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 23, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 408, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; H.R. 546, to revise the boundary of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park in the State of Hawaii; H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania; and H.R. 2055, to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 25, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 154, to exclude certain properties from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; H.R. 2501, to clarify the boundaries of Coastal Barrier Resources System Cape Fear Unit NC-07P; H.R. 2619, to provide for the expansion of Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2623, Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; and H.R. 3056, to clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 23, to consider H.R. 2557, Water Resources Development Act of 2003, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, September 24, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, joint hearing on Federal Prison Industry's Effects on the U.S. Economy and the Small Business Environment, 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

September 25, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "The Future of Rural Telecommunications: Is the Universal Service Fund Sustainable?" 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 24, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on the DOT Inspector General's September 4 Report on the Safety of the FAA's Contract Tower Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, September 24, hearing to examine the transition between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs of service members requiring health care services, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

September 25, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' Life Insurance Program, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 25, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the SSA's Management of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 24, executive, to consider Committee business, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 24, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on Global HUMINT Strategies, 4 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 24, executive, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security and the Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, joint hearing on Joint Inquiry Recommendations, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 25, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

September 25, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection and the Terrorist Threat Integration Center, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, September 24, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "Disease Surveillance Systems: How Can They Help the Nation Prepare for Bioterrorism?" 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

September 25, full Committee, hearing entitled "Knowing Our Enemies—Consolidating U.S. Government Watch Lists to Promote Homeland Security," time and room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, September 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, September 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2691, Interior Department Appropriations and there will be a series of votes on certain amendments.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: the House will meet in pro forma session at 12 noon.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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